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SUBJECT: US-SUDAN BILATERAL RELATIONS: CHARGE MEETING WITH
FRANCIS DENG

1. AT AMBASSADOR BREWER'S SUGGESTION, CHARGE PAID COURTESY
CALL ON MIN STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FORMER AMBASSADOR
TO US FRANCIS DENG ON AUG 12. DENG WAS VERY CORDIAL AND
SEEMED TO APPRECIATE CHARGE'S GESTURE. DURING 45- MINUTE
MEETING HE MADE CLEAR THAT ENTIRE GOS IS WORKING TOWARD
BEST POSSIBLE RELATIONS WITH US. HE MENTIONED RECENTLY
FORMED INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE TO FACILITATE SUDANESE-
AMERICAN PROGRAMS AND HE SAID A MAJOR EFFORT WILL BE MADE
TO ELIMINATE OR AT LEAST MINIMIZE RED TAPE IN CONNECTION
WITH THESE PROGRAMS. IN ADDITION, HE SAID PRESIDENT
NIMEIRI IS CONSIDERING ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OFFICE ATTACHED
TO HIM WHICH WILL KEEP HIM ABREAST OF US-SUDAN DEVELOPMENTS.
DENG URGED CHARGE TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH MINISTERS WHO
ACCOMPANIED PRESIDENT NIMEIRI IN US WHILE AMBASSADOR
BREWER ON HOME LEAVE. IN THAT CONNECTION HE WENT OUT
OF HIS WAY TO STRESS THAT MINISTER OF INDUSTRY SULEIMAN
WAS FULLY IN FAVOR ENCOURAGING US INVESTMENT IN SUDAN.
DENG SAID THAT SUDANESE OFFICIALS DURING THEIR VISIT TO
US GOT IMPRESSION THAT IT WAS OUR VIEW THAT SULEIMAN WAS
HESITANT TO ENCOURAGE US INVESTMENT. DENG INDICATED HE
WILL BE FOLLOWING UP ON SEVERAL MATTERS DISCUSSED DURING
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PRESIDENT'S VISIT IN WASHINGTON. HE SPECIFICALLY

MENTIONED FOLLOWING FIVE AREAS:

A. JOINT COMMITTEE: HE APOLOGIZED FOR SUDAN NEWS AGENCY "EXAGGERATION"; IT REPORTED AUG 12 THAT DENG HAD SAID AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED BETWEEN GOS AND USG FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT COUNCIL TO COORDINATE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. DENG SAID THAT WHILE AWARE NO FINAL AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED, HE WAITING TO LEARN OF OUR REACTION TO DAVID SCOTT'S PROPOSALS (KHARTOUM 2290 AND 2327). DENG SAID HE EXPECTED REPLY ON THIS SUBJECT FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFELLE AND HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN OUR VIEWS ON VALUE OF JOINT COMMISSIONS.

B. TRILATERAL-QUADRILATERAL COOPERATION: DENG SAID SUDANESE OFFICIALS WERE INVESTIGATING BEST WAY TO APPROACH WEALTHY ARAB FRIENDS WITH SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO COOPERATE WITH US IN SUDAN. CHARGE SAID IT WAS OUR VIEW THAT, AS FELLOW ARABS, SUDANESE MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE MORE EFFECTIVE PRESENTATION. DENG AGREED IN GENERAL, BUT SAID OFTEN KUWAITIS, SAUDIS OR OTHERS ARE MORE RECEPTIVE TO OPINIONS THAT COME FROM WASHINGTON.

C. C-130: CHARGE SAID WE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY ON THIS MATTER AND WERE AWAITING REPLY TO REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH AMBASSADOR BREWER MADE TO U/SEC JUST PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE.

D. GENERAL MILITARY TRAINING: DR. DENG ASKED WHETHER WE HAD RECEIVED NOTE ON GENERAL MILITARY TRAINING (I.E. DISTINCT FROM THAT RELATED TO C-130 PROGRAM), AND WHEN CHARGE SAID NONE HAD BEEN RECEIVED, HE SEEMED A BIT UPSET. HE SAID THAT IN MEETING PRESIDENT NIMEIRI HAD WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY CLEMENTS THERE HAD BEEN AGREEMENT THAT GENERAL TRAINING WOULD BE PROVIDED AND THAT THERE WAS A DEGREE OF URGENCY TO THIS PROGRAM.

E. PL 480 TITLE I: DENG SAID HE UNDERSTOOD A REQUEST HAD BEEN FORMALLY MADE, AND CHARGE AGREED IT HAD BEEN RECEIVED.

2. DURING CONVERSATION WITH DENG, IT WAS CLEAR HE WAS UNDER GUN TO SEE THAT MATTERS DISCUSSED IN WASHINGTON WERE IMPLEMENTED AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE. IT NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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COMPLETELY CLEAR THAT US EMBASSY IN KHARTOUM AND FOREIGN MINISTRY HAVE EXACT SAME UNDERSTANDING OF STATUS VARIOUS PROJECTS. THEREFORE, DENG AND CHARGE AGREED TO TRY TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHERE DIFFERENT MATTERS MENTIONED ABOVE STAND AND TO REVIEW THEIR STATUS IN ABOUT A WEEK. DEPT POSITION ON JOINT COMMISSION AND US-SUDAN BUSINESS COUNCIL MADE UP OF PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES IS CLEAR FROM STATE 196201. SIMILARLY, STATE 186570

PROVIDES GUIDANCE ON QUESTION OF TRILATERAL-QUADRILATERAL COOPERATION. C-130 AND PL 480 TITL I MATTERS ALSO SEEM TO BE UNDERSTOOD. WE ASSUME THAT GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN STATE 186532 COVERS MILITARY SALES, INCLUDING GENERAL TRAINING, AND THAT NO ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE IS REQUIRED. THEREFORE, CHARGE ANTICIPATES CALL ON DENG NEXT WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY, AT WHICH TIME HE WILL GO OVER THESE SUBJECTS BASED ON GUIDANCE AND INFO PRESENTLY ON HAND. DEPT MAY WISH PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTARY INSTRUCTIONS. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF ANY ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS ARE RECEIVED HERE BY COB TUESDAY, AUG 17.
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